

# Gas Station Facilities

## Best Management Practices

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These best management practices (BMPs) apply to all gas stations within the City of Eureka.

Gas stations can contribute to contaminated urban runoff if they don't use the proper best management practices (BMPs). The following are BMPs that will help to eliminate contaminated urban runoff from gas stations.



### **Fuel Dispensing Areas**

- Maintain fuel dispensing areas using dry cleanup methods such as sweeping for removal of litter and debris, or use of rags and absorbents for leaks and spills. Fueling areas should never be washed down unless the wash water is collected and disposed of properly.
- Fit underground storage tanks with spill containment and overfill prevention systems meeting the requirements of Section 2635(b) of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.
- Fit fuel dispensing nozzles with "hold-open latches" (automatic shutoffs) except where prohibited by local fire departments. Post signs at the fuel dispenser or fuel island warning vehicle owners/operators against "topping off" of vehicle fuel tanks.

### **Facility – General**

- "Spot clean" leaks and drips routinely. Leaks are not cleaned up until the absorbent is picked up and disposed of properly.
- Maintain and keep current, as required by other regulations, a spill response plan and ensure that employees are trained on the elements of the plan.
- Manage materials and waste to reduce adverse impacts on storm water quality.
- Train all employees upon hiring and annually thereafter on proper methods for handling and disposing of waste. Make sure that all employees understand storm water discharge prohibitions, wastewater discharge requirements, and these best management practices. A training log or similar method could help to document training.
- Label drains within the facility boundary, by paint/stencil (or equivalent), to indicate whether they flow to an oil/water separator, directly to the sewer, or to a storm drain. Labels are not necessary for plumbing fixtures directly connected to the sanitary sewer.
- Inspect and clean, if necessary, storm drain inlets and catch basins within the facility boundary before October 1 each year.

BMP information courtesy of City of Los Angeles' Storm Water Program

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